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Marginal Column By WALTER KOLARZ

STALIN, Molotov and the other leaders of the Soviet Union have been frequently shown on the Soviet stage but no such honour is usually bestowed upon the leaders of the Communist parties of the satellite countries. An exception was made only for Anna Pauker. She is the heroine of the play "The Conspiracy of the Doomed" written four years ago by the well-known Soviet playwright, Nikola Virla. Having received a first-class Stalin Prize in 1948, "Conspiracy of the Doomed" graced the repertoire of many theatres in the Soviet Union and the satellite countries. Apart from changing Anna Pauker's name into Hanna (in Russian Ganna) Likhta, Virla seems to have taken great pains to make the Rumanian prototype easily recognizable. The actresses who played the part of Likhta Pauker, in full accordance with the intention of the author, usually tried to imitate what they thought to be the real Anna Pauker, a dark-haired, energetic, ruthless woman, fanatically devoted to the cause of Communism.

To make the establishment of the Communist dictatorship more justifiable the author invented a gigantic conspiracy in which all political forces of the country, with the exception of Communists and fellow-travelers, are implicated. Naturally, Wall Street and the Vatican take a prominent part in it. The discovery of the conspiracy in good time has made a political "clarification" possible.

THIS only sensible thing that is said in the play about the conspiracy is that it was the Communist Party, the leader of the Nationalist Party, an entirely invented figure whom Virla calls Madame Pader. She says, "I saw her big eyes; you Communists see a conspiracy even where there is not a glimmer of sound opposition to the policy of the Communists." Madame Likhta/Pauker's interjection that the Communists are "the eyes and ears of the nation" leaves the Nationalist leader unimpressed. "There are eyes," she answers, "which see badly and ears that hear badly. You Communists are shouting a awful lot about reaction. Don't you think that those shouting most about reaction are the very people who have taken too much power into their own hands and are afraid of losing it?" Of course, Anna Likhta/Pauker has the last word in Virla's play.

AFTER the latest events in Rumania Nikola Virla's play requires, as Soviet art critics might say, "a serious revision." Madame Likhta/Pauker who in the play is everybody's boss and mentor, would have to be transformed into a repenting devil, a man who has deserved blame and criticism. This is a difficult task but Soviet playwrights have already performed similar miracles in other instances where changes of Communist policy necessitated a reinterpretation of history. One sentence which Likhta/Pauker uttered in Virla's play is still very much to the point. "Sometimes," she said, "I feel lonely, lonely because I remember those who will never return again." Did she think of Marcel Pauker, her husband, whom the NKVD executed in 1937? Or did she remember Lukrezia Patrascu, a former friend and lawyer, whom she betrayed in the winter of 1947-48? And if Anna Pauker felt lonely in 1948, when Virla's play was written, how much more lonely is she bound to be in 1952. London, June.

Double Summer Time on Sunday

Clocks are to be moved ahead by one more hour at the end of this week, the Cabinet decided yesterday in Jerusalem. Meeting in two sessions it also approved the first drafts of the Law of Candidates for Agricultural Settlements, the Law of the Law Controlling Fund Raising Appeals, the Law on the Memorial to the Destruction in the Diaspora and the State Employees Pension Law.

3 Dead, 10 Injured In Road Accident

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Three persons, including a Jerusalem doctor, a soldier and a nine-year-old boy were killed, eight persons were seriously injured and two were slightly injured when an Aved bus on its way from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem collided with a military truck at kilometer 8 on the Ozer road at 845 last night, as briefly reported. The military vehicle was carrying soldiers at the time.

Those killed were Dr. Haim Thaler, 60; Private Shaul Bechar, 23, and the boy whose identity the police have not yet ascertained.

The crowded bus, driven by Raphael Rosenberg, who was slightly injured, had been pulling uphill. When it reached the top, the driver saw the approaching headlights of the military truck, driven by David Ruchman, 18, but had no time to avoid a collision. The bus was cut open on its left side just behind the driver's seat while the truck was smashed and its body found ten metres from its chassis.

Narrow Road
 The road at this section is narrow and both drivers were travelling at full speed.

The names of the seriously injured civilians are: Shachar Nisim, 26; Menachem Draden, 28; and Shimon Mizrahi, 27; all from Jerusalem. They were taken to Sarafand Hospital. Mrs. Ruth Levi, 4, of Tel Aviv was taken to Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva. The soldiers, Shimon Kremer, Batya Mender, Morris Tabachi and Benjamin Cohen were taken to Tel Aviv.

The slightly injured persons were the bus driver and Pinchas Schwartz, a soldier, who was taken to the Sarafand Hospital.

Woman Killed, Two Hurt in Crash
 HADARA, Sunday. — A woman was killed and two persons were injured in a crash between a lorry and a goods train at the Binyamina level crossing at noon today.

The victim, Mrs. Rachel Spiegel, 22, of Binyamina, was sitting next to the driver together with the other passenger, Mr. Yitzhak Saadira. She was killed instantly.

Mr. Saadira was taken to hospital in Haifa in a serious condition, while the lorry driver, whose name has not been released, was sent home after treatment.
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Sale of Dollar-Linked Bonds Ends
 The Ministry of Finance has decided to stop selling dollar-linked Government loan bonds, a Ministry spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday.

It is understood that the sales have been stopped in view of the considerable changes that have occurred in the real value of the pound in dollar terms since the issue of the loan a year ago. According to the terms of the loan, the Government pledged itself to pay back after ten years the amount in pounds equal to \$280 for every IL100 loaned.

Almost IL1.5m. in bonds have been sold so far of the total amount of IL1.5m. authorized.

7 Killed in Vietnam Highway Ambush

SAIGON, Sunday (Reuters). — Seven French Union soldiers were today reported killed and 50 taken prisoner in a Vietminh highway ambush in the Thai Binh area. 50 bodies were found in the area. Today's French Union communiqué said 15 escapees were killed in the engagement. It reported the launching of large-scale sweeps at the Vietminh stronghold at Kien Hoa.

Rhee's Opponents 'Drowning Men'

PURAN, Sunday (Reuters). — Chi Chong-chun, a prominent opponent of President Syngman Rhee, announced today he has left the anti-Rhee Democratic Nationalist Party.

He has not yet announced which party he will join but supporters of the President regard his resignation as an important victory for them. They are predicting that more members may follow his lead.

Observers here believe this is likely.

Some of the dwindling group of Assemblymen opposing President Rhee's policies today described themselves as "drowning men." One leading opponent of the President publicly criticized the U.N. Commission and the U.S. Embassy for failing to "restore constitutional Government in South Korea." These Assemblymen wanted the U.N. to declare a state of emergency in Rhee's government. With the U.N. in direct control Rhee's opponents would no longer fear arrest and could engage in a full debate, it was said.

On Saturday, after 500 demonstrators had laid siege to the National Assembly and threatened members there for six hours, the Minister of Home Affairs ordered police to escort the Assemblymen to safety.

Chinese Attack On Korean Front Repelled

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuters). — Chinese troops today attacked a hill on the western front under cover of artillery fire but were repulsed by U.N. artillery.

The U.N. Command told the Communists by letter today that a joint probe by officers of both sides proved that the shell which fell at the Panmunjom truce talks area on Friday was fired by the Communists.

There was no truce conference today.

Japanese Working For British to Strike

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuters). — Twelve thousand Japanese working for British Commonwealth forces in Japan will strike for 48 hours from midnight tonight.

They said today that when Japan achieved independence they expected to be treated as independent labourers of a free country.

Japan Seeks More Sterling Area Trade

LONDON, Sunday (AP). — The Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry will seek a one-year extension of the Japan-United Kingdom General Agreement, with minor revisions. The present agreement expires on August 31.

Bitter Taft-Eisenhower Battle Enters Final, Crucial Phase

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuters). — The bitter political battle between General Dwight Eisenhower and Senator Robert Taft for the Republican presidential nomination entered its last crucial phase today.

It will reach its climax when the Republican National Convention opens in Chicago on July 7. The Party will then choose the candidate it will rely upon in the Presidential election itself.

Acheson Informs Bonn of Allied Reply to USSR

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuters). — U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson today handed Dr. Walter Hallstein, head of the West German Foreign Office, the draft of a new Western note in reply to the Soviet suggestion for a four-power meeting on Germany.

At a press conference here today he said that the Western powers had reached full agreement during their London talks on the text of the note.

Following a 21-hour visit to the former capital, Mr. Acheson flew off to Vienna.

At his press conference the Secretary of State said if East German police, unaided by foreign powers, attempted to occupy or blockade Berlin his first step would be to listen very carefully to the advice of military men. Asked whether this meant that in the event of an attack on Berlin no immediate counter-measures were planned, he said it did not signify that.

He added that after listening to the advice of military men his next step would depend on what that advice was. He could not anticipate what it would be.

He denied New York press reports that he had conferred here last night with General Thomas Handy, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. ground forces in Europe, about sending troops to protect West Germany's frontiers with East Germany.

Mr. Acheson said that as far as the Western powers were concerned the reunification of Germany would have been accomplished before his last visit here in November. The purpose of the notes between the Western powers and Russia was to try to bring about a reunification in spite of previous failures.

Western Terms For U.S. Data on Forced Labour in USSR

LONDON, Sunday (Reuters). — The Western powers' new note to Russia on German unity will be despatched in a few days, possibly next Thursday, it was learned in diplomatic quarters here today.

The text on which full agreement was reached was reached by the U.S., British and French Foreign Ministers here last Friday, is now virtually complete, it is understood. Only minor drafting changes remain to be made.

The Western Foreign Ministers—Mr. Anthony Eden, Mr. Acheson and Mr. Robert Schuman—achieved a compromise on Friday between the U.S. view on the one hand and the British and French view on the other. It is believed they will propose to the Russians:

1. Appointment of an impartial commission to investigate conditions for free elections throughout Germany.
2. A discussion later of the status of an all-German government provided Russia indicates a genuine wish to conduct free elections.
3. The proposed commission to inquire into conditions for them.

West On Alert In Soviet War Games

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuters). — The Western powers would not risk "undue laxity" during the period of the Soviet summer army exercises in Eastern Germany, the chief foreign correspondent of the "New York Times" Mr. Cecil Sulzberger said today in a dispatch from Paris.

"There is always the theoretical possibility that one fair down Moscow will issue ammunition to its divisions and tell them to manoeuvre westward to the iron curtain border and keep on going," Sulzberger said.

Finnish Beauty Wins Title of Miss Universe

LONG BEACH, Sunday (AP). — Miss Aomi Kuusela, 19-year-old Miss Finland, today won the title of Miss Universe over contestants from 30 other lands.

The four-hour contest wound up with 10 judges placing Miss Kuusela—Elena Edman—second, Miss Givens—Daisy Harrad—third, Miss Hongkong—Judy Dray—fourth and Miss Germany—Renate Hoy—fifth.

Hilali Resignation Reported in London

Four Arab States To Confer on Israel

AMMAN, Sunday (Reuters). — Arab committees of four Arab States meet in Damascus on Tuesday to begin talks on common problems affecting their frontiers with Israel, it was officially announced here today.

The four states — Jordan, Egypt, the Lebanon and Syria — are expected to discuss the reported increases in border incidents in which armed Israeli troops are alleged to have "committed atrocities, murders and continuous frontier violations."

Reliable sources here said today a common policy would be worked out to deal with the "increasing aggressiveness of Israel." It was hoped agreement might be reached on merging the four committees into one — representing all the Arab States which have frontiers with Israel.

First Meeting
 Tuesday's meeting will be the first assembly of Arab States since they were set up by the terms of the armistices negotiated under U.N. auspices at Rhodes more than three years ago.

The meeting is being held at the invitation of the Syrian Government, Jordan will be represented by Mohammed Adib Amir, Under-Secretary of Education and former President of the Jordan Truce Committee, and Major Ashraf of the Arab Legion.

Prior to the projected merger there has been no liaison between these separate Arab truce committees in the past. At present each of the four States sends its own representative to meetings at different spots on the armistice line of the U.N. Mixed Armistice Commission which deals with complaints on armistice violations.

U.S. Data on Forced Labour in USSR

UNITED NATIONS, Sunday (Reuters). — The U.S. Government alleged today that the Soviet Union had returned to "ancient slavery" by making forced labour an integral part of its economy.

The U.S. has submitted documents to the U.N. alleging that:

1. Forced labour had been continuous throughout the existence of the Soviet Government.
2. The number of people in labour or concentration camps was a Soviet State secret but Western estimates ranged from 2.5 to 24 million.
3. Labour camps were places of brutal punishment through overwork, hunger diet and lack of medical care.
4. The secret police had combined police powers with "big business" building projects.

The U.S. statement was based on almost 20,000 affidavits presented to the U.N. with a file of documents more than one metre high. Among them were documents which were described as texts of Soviet laws and regulations governing forced labour and camp orders which found their way into Western hands.

East Europe Makes Concession To Belgrade on Danube Issue

BELGRADE, Sunday (Reuters). — The head of the Soviet delegation on the Danube Commission has agreed to a Hungarian proposal that a Yugoslav be appointed to the post of Assistant Secretary of the Commission, and several other posts also be made available to Yugoslavia.

The concession, announced at yesterday's meeting of the Commission set up in 1948 by East European countries to regulate shipping on the river, followed a request by Yugoslavia for revision of the Commission's rules of procedure.

When the request came before Saturday's meeting of the Commission, Yugoslavia contended that all member States should have an equal say in the management of the Commission and that Soviet domination in the organization should be ended.

At yesterday's meeting, according to the official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug, the Hungarian delegate submitted a draft resolution proposing that draft rules of procedure submitted by Yugoslavia should be examined by a special commission.

US Embassy Denies Involvement

LONDON, Sunday (Reuters). — The B.B.C. reported tonight that King Farouk has accepted the resignation of Premier Hilali Pasha and has asked another independent, Hussein Sirry Pasha, to form a new cabinet.

Iraq Charges Laxity In Israel Boycott

Iraq yesterday charged that Arab officials dealing with the boycott of Israel were not doing all in their power nor devoting their full efforts to the implementation of this task.

The charge was contained in a memorandum to the Arab League.

The memorandum said that these officials regard their work in connection with the boycott as a part-time job while, in fact, they should be engaged in the implementation of the ban on a full-time basis.

The same source reported from Cairo that the Egyptian Government rejected a request to release a shipment of dried apricots en route to Israel confiscated on board of a Russian ship in Port Said in 1949.

No Vital Problems Facing Arab League at Present

"There is no need at the present time for the meeting of the Arab League Council. The Arab world is not facing any important problems requiring such a meeting," the Arab League Secretariat said in a circular letter to all the Arab League members. Cairo Radio reported.

Egypt's Prime Minister yesterday announced the postponement of the Cabinet meeting scheduled for today to consider Egypt's far-reaching budget cuts. The meeting will take place on Wednesday to enable the various ministries to draft their final proposals for their respective 30 per cent budget cuts.

House Appropriates \$6,032m. For Aid

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP). — The House last night affirmed earlier action and approved the appropriation bill containing \$6,031,947,750 for military and technical assistance to the free world.

President Truman originally asked \$7,000m. for a global programme of building economic and military defences against Communism. Last month Congress authorized the expenditure of \$6,492,740,750.

The appropriation bill acted on last night actually provides money for the programme previously authorized. It must still be acted upon by the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Senate itself.

Eden Suffering From Jaundice Attack

LONDON, Sunday (Reuters). — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is suffering from an attack of jaundice and is confined to his rooms, a Foreign Office statement said today. He has cancelled all engagements for the present, it added.

From there he will go by car to Amman via Damascus. Jordan Premier Tewfik Pasha Abul Huda and Minister of Reconstruction Anistas Bey Hanania returned to Amman yesterday. They immediately convened an emergency meeting of the Jordan Cabinet, to which Tewfik Pasha reported on his talks with Talal. (NEADS, ANA)

Mossadegh Supporters Stage Majlis Walkout

TEHERAN, Sunday (AP). — Premier Mossadegh's supporters abruptly walked out of the Majlis (parliament) meeting today when it appeared that an opposition candidate, Dr. Hassan Inami, was about to be elected the Permanent Speaker.

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THE shocking traffic accident near Ramle on Saturday night has claimed three dead and a score of injured, some of them seriously.

The accident was due to a collision between an autobus and a military vehicle. The case will, no doubt, come to court and nothing more can be said about it at this stage. But what can and must be said is that the number of road accidents, especially where drivers with insufficient experience are involved, has assumed proportions that require the question to be tackled at a high level.

In the three years from 1949 to 1951, no less than 626 persons lost their lives on the road. Thousands were injured and many of them crippled. In 1951 alone, 67,343 traffic offences were reported. These figures speak for themselves, and nothing is gained by comparison with other countries where the incidence of fatal accidents may be as high or higher. While it is true that pedestrians are frequently to blame for careless crossing of streets, or parents for not supervising children, it is also undeniable that in the majority of cases the fault lies with the drivers. Not all drivers, of course, are careless; many of them have a splendid record in times of peace and war, and the distinction conferred on some of them only last week was well deserved and widely applauded. But it is unfortunately true that a great number of others are either reckless or not qualified, even if they have passed the technical tests. This would seem to apply especially to many young drivers entrusted with military cars, jeeps, and lorries.

The first task, then, must be to make tests more effective by the inclusion of psychological and educational elements which science has developed to a high degree, and perhaps also, by raising the minimum age for drivers. Speed limits and other rules of the road, such as prohibition of glaring headlights and of conversation of drivers with passengers, must be more strictly enforced and danger spots clearly marked. The traffic authorities might consider a scheme recently published in a French paper where a map of the whole country indicated points of danger by three circles: white for places where 5-10 accidents had happened, shaded for 10-20, and black for more than 20.

Any such measures require a sufficiently manned and trained traffic police. If complaints of the traffic authorities that they are understaffed are well-founded, no time should be lost in making good the deficiency. It would also seem that fines have lost much of their sting; an effective way of dealing with serious offenders is imprisonment, and withdrawal of their licence for shorter or longer periods.

Road accidents cannot, unfortunately, be eliminated altogether, but much can be done to reduce the number of human tragedies on our roads that are hidden behind the statistics of the appalling toll exacted in life and limb.

Peace Council Delegates Gather in Berlin

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuter). — Professor Frederic Joliot Curie, President of the World Peace Council, and leading Communists from Europe, Asia and the Americas arrived in East Berlin today for a meeting of the Council this week.

Affid officials in West Berlin will watch the meeting, which lasts from July 1 to 5, for signs of a change in Communist global policy.

The Council, whose plenary session will be open to the press, is to discuss the Korean war, Germany, Japan and world disarmament, the official East German news agency reported.

M. Joliot Curie arrived by train in East Berlin today from the Prague headquarters of the Council, with 50 Council colleagues, including M. Jean Lelievre, the Council's General Secretary.

Countries so far named as represented in the meeting are: Africa, America, Brazil, Britain, Burma, China, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latin America, the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

DEMAND FOR AUTONOMOUS STATES Communist Strength in India

By RUTH FISCHER

What is the cause of the Indian Communist success? Their fortunes were running low after India won her independence. They tried to build up their stronghold in Hyderabad, hoping to ride to power in Delhi on the wave of an unfolding civil war. In June they managed to strengthen the Congress Party, which for decades had been the spirit and the organizer of the awakening Indian nation.

Nehru's Fight

The energetic countermeasures of the Nehru Government against the Communist rebels hit them hard, and forced them to limit their activities to restricted sectors. They continued to operate in the Congress Party but left off in 1947, in a vitriolic campaign against British imperialism.

Thus they meet the Hindu Communists in many points, but they also co-operate with the Dravida Kazhagam organization in Tamilnad, an anti-Brahmin movement. They demand autonomy for Andhra in North Madras; if this autonomy, which was promised by Nehru, were granted, it would create a Communist State in Madras and in Communist-dominated Telangana in neighbouring Hyderabad, the centre of 30 million Telugu-speaking people.

Socialist Defeat

It is poor political arithmetic to compare the small total vote of the Communists (6 million) with the Congress vote or even with that of the Socialists (12 million); the Indian electorate is not separated by an iron wall from the Communist Party, and the Party's initial success may prove attractive in geometric progression. The defeat of the Socialists, who presented themselves as the Asian branch of their Western confederates, has left its imprint on the public mind.

When I arrived in India on the eve of the general election, my Socialist friends were in high spirits. They expected returns substantial enough to make them the major opposition party, driving the Congress forward on the road to democratic Socialism. The Communists, I was told, were in decline because of their adventurous Congress and their internecine strife.

In writing these lines today, I feel as though I were referring to a historical period long past. The Communists emerged from among some 50 anti-Congress parties as the undisputed winners, although they were able to present candidates in only a minority of constituencies. In Madras, Hyderabad, and Travancore-Cochin they are so strong that the Administration faces an unstable governmental situation there.

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The Communists are also strong in Tripura, a mountainous, isolated State on the Pakistan border, which can be reached only by air or on horseback, populated mostly by illiterate tribesmen, but equally in Travancore-Cochin, the most literate State, which, incidentally, had the greatest percentage of Christians of any Indian State.

In proletarian centres such as Calcutta and Bombay, the Communist Party is still a relatively minor factor; but this is a small consolation, for the central figure in India is, and will be for a long time, the small peasant. In concentrating on winning the peasants, the Communists show that they have learned their lesson from China.

Factions Reconciled

They did not reach this policy without internal convulsions. P. C. Joshi, a reporter for the New York "Daily Worker" during the war, leader of the moderate anti-Fascist wing of the Party, was succeeded by B. T. Ranjive, who advocated the seizure of local power. When Mao Tse Tung won in China, the Indian Communists, jealous of their neighbour's success, tried rather clumsily to exploit the secret differences between Moscow and Peking by attacking "reformist deviations" within the Chinese Party. For this escapade they were drastically censured by the Politburo in Moscow; they have no right to intervene in the affairs of the Communist Big Two. The Politburo ordered a change of policy in India in accordance with the new line followed everywhere in the Russian orbit since the death of Andrei Zhukov, former Minister of the Cominform. The warring factions, which had been played off against each other, have been reconciled. (OFNS)

Now however, with the successful conclusion of an experiment carried out in the spare time of a Halfa water engineer, Mr. Alexander Schwartz, the country's "water thinking" may well be completely changed. Two years ago, on his own initiative, Mr. Schwartz, who is employed in a large water supply company in Haifa and has nearly 30 years' experience in water engineering, set out to prove that the country's abundant surface water could be used for drinking without endangering health, if they were properly treated first. This is already done in most Western countries where the well and spring are being pushed into the background as reliable water sources. He chose four settlements, all suffering from a drinking water problem, which were situated near four different types of surface water, representing all the types found in this country.

Cleaning Method

The experiment began in the Maas Haim settlement in the Beisan valley, which had for 13 years relied on a well, yielding only 4 cu. metres per hour, far too little for its 1,000 inhabitants. Mr. Schwartz divided the settlement's swimming pool, which gets its water through an open concrete canal from Fuar, 2 km. away, and reserved one part, holding about 1,800 cu. metres, as the settlement's future supply of drinking water. A purification plant was built at the kibbutz's expense for only £4,600. Mr. Schwartz designed the plant, according to standard European models, modified to local needs, and ordered the necessary machinery in the country, manufactured to his own specifications. Only a few parts had to be brought abroad. The grey dirty water from the erstwhile swimming pool is pumped into the plant, and alum (sodium sulphate) is added. It then passes into a sedimentation tank where foreign matter settles, after which it is pumped through a large pressure filter for cleaning.

With the purification method, the water can be brought in open canals, (as in Maas) constructed from local cement, or even hewn into rocks. The water can be purified at the place it is to be used. Steel pipes, besides their expense, have also another disadvantage. It was found that certain types of water left sediment in the pipes, clogging them and making them useless. This happened at Neve Ezyan, Eilat and other places where expensive pipelines had to be abandoned after a few years of use. Also some settlements were established near wells which dried up during the summer, as happened in Hamadia. Mr. Schwartz believes that eventually Tel Aviv will have to adopt this method with Yarkon water, as the present well water sources will prove inadequate for the expanding city.

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Taking a page out of the book of "Eli," a Jerusalem resident is here seen roller-skating on Saturday, on one of the Capital's principal streets.

New Drinking Water Source

By YAAKOV FRIEDLER

ONE of the main considerations in choosing sites for new settlements in this country has always been the availability of drinking water. Wherever possible, settlements were founded only where springs or wells were found. Otherwise settlers had either to drink dirty, unhealthy surface water found near their settlements, or to bring water from distant wells in expensive pipelines. The importance of water was second only to security, as the familiar towers silhouetted against the country's skyline testify.

Now however, with the successful conclusion of an experiment carried out in the spare time of a Halfa water engineer, Mr. Alexander Schwartz, the country's "water thinking" may well be completely changed. Two years ago, on his own initiative, Mr. Schwartz, who is employed in a large water supply company in Haifa and has nearly 30 years' experience in water engineering, set out to prove that the country's abundant surface water could be used for drinking without endangering health, if they were properly treated first. This is already done in most Western countries where the well and spring are being pushed into the background as reliable water sources. He chose four settlements, all suffering from a drinking water problem, which were situated near four different types of surface water, representing all the types found in this country.

Cleaning Method

The experiment began in the Maas Haim settlement in the Beisan valley, which had for 13 years relied on a well, yielding only 4 cu. metres per hour, far too little for its 1,000 inhabitants. Mr. Schwartz divided the settlement's swimming pool, which gets its water through an open concrete canal from Fuar, 2 km. away, and reserved one part, holding about 1,800 cu. metres, as the settlement's future supply of drinking water. A purification plant was built at the kibbutz's expense for only £4,600. Mr. Schwartz designed the plant, according to standard European models, modified to local needs, and ordered the necessary machinery in the country, manufactured to his own specifications. Only a few parts had to be brought abroad. The grey dirty water from the erstwhile swimming pool is pumped into the plant, and alum (sodium sulphate) is added. It then passes into a sedimentation tank where foreign matter settles, after which it is pumped through a large pressure filter for cleaning.

With the purification method, the water can be brought in open canals, (as in Maas) constructed from local cement, or even hewn into rocks. The water can be purified at the place it is to be used. Steel pipes, besides their expense, have also another disadvantage. It was found that certain types of water left sediment in the pipes, clogging them and making them useless. This happened at Neve Ezyan, Eilat and other places where expensive pipelines had to be abandoned after a few years of use. Also some settlements were established near wells which dried up during the summer, as happened in Hamadia. Mr. Schwartz believes that eventually Tel Aviv will have to adopt this method with Yarkon water, as the present well water sources will prove inadequate for the expanding city.

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To the Editor of The POST
Sir,—It appears that your correspondent was either misinformed or given misleading information about the drilling of the water wells for the supply of water to Tel Aviv. It is the International Water Corporation, Highmans Bldg, Pittsburgh Pa. which is drilling and constructing these eight Gravel Wall Layne and Bowler type wells, and not "Tel Aviv Water." The credit should go to Mr. P. D. Bowler and his crew for the supply of water. I.W.C. has also agreed to train and instruct local drillers to operate the first-rate equipment imported by them.

Your correspondent omitted the important rôle Messrs. Knappen-Tippett-Abbott and MacCarthy, Consulting Engineers, played in planning and supervising the whole system. They too are worthy of praise for their endeavours. Yours, etc., C.S.

Jerusalem, June 27, 1952

HEALTH SERVICE
To the Editor of The POST
Sir,—We wish to express our gratitude to the British Medical Officer, Dr. Yell, who assigned nurse Haddad to our school to render regular health services to our school children during the whole of the present academic year.

Yours etc.,
FATHER DERTAD
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Vicar of the Armenian Church,
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